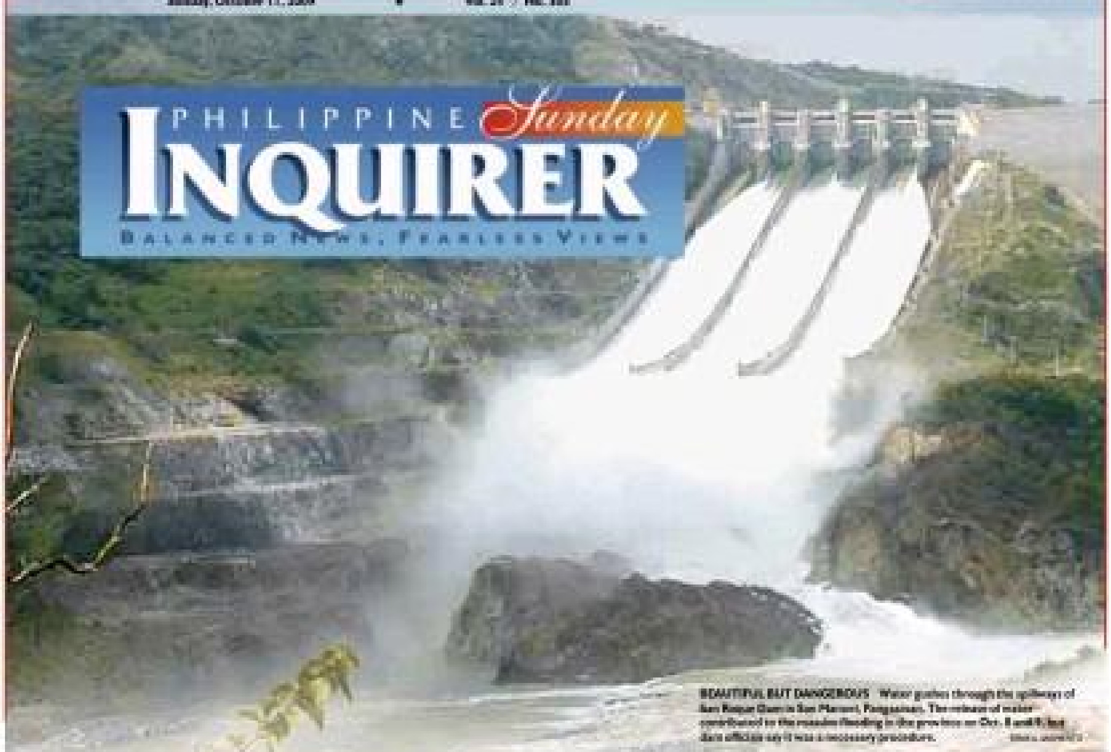
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BEAUTIFUL BUT DANGEROUS Water gushes through the spillway of San Roque Dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan. The release of water contributed to the massive flooding in the province on Oct. 8 and 9, but dam officials say it was a necessary procedure.

'Water release too sudden'

Rumors of dam crack panic Pangasinan folk

By Gabriel Cardinoza in Pangasinan and Amy R. Remo in Manila

LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—THE RELEASE OF water from the San Roque Dam on Thursday was "too sudden," according to Vice Gov. Marlyn Primicias Agabas.

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RIVER ON THE HIGHWAY A strong current sweeps the national highway in Rosales, Pangasinan, on Oct. 9. Coast Guard personnel prepare to set off on a rubber boat as an apparent looter ditches past.

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By Fe Zamora

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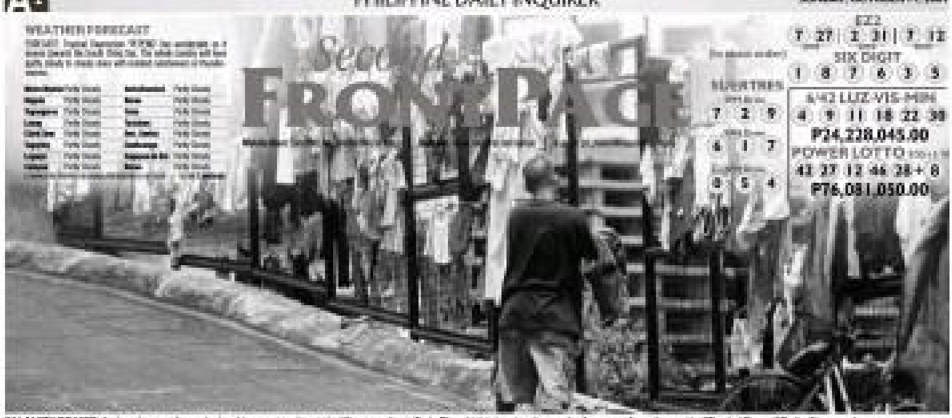
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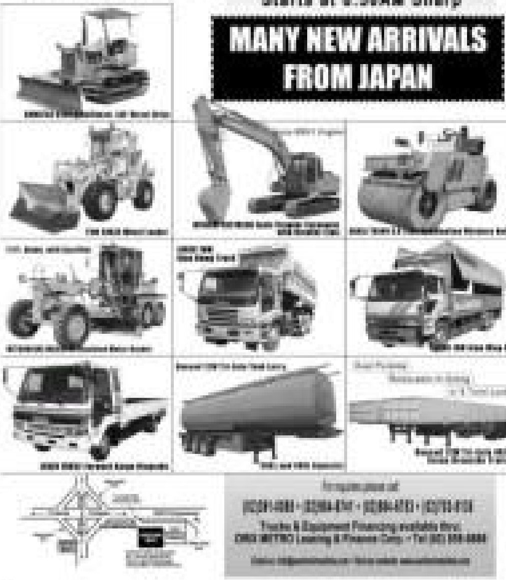
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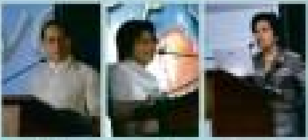
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For Danding, politics is thicker than blood



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Finally, crazy, deadly 'Pepeng' on way out

'Water release too sudden'





'Pepeng' leaves more than 200 people dead





CELEBRITY MARC NELSON reads about a brave fish to sick children, who show him what bravery really is, at yesterday's Inquirer Read-Along session at the National Children's Hospital.

Sick kids teach thing or two about bravery

By Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

SOME 20 ILL CHILDREN RECEIVED A dose of lessons on bravery, respect and perseverance at yesterday's special Inquirer Read-Along session held at the National Children's Hospital in Quezon City. And they gave as good as they got.

The kids – who are battling cancer, heart and kidney disease – gathered in the hospital's fifth floor corridor, most of them clinging to their parents, with protective masks on and doctors and nurses visiting them.

Many were languid and pale due to their ailments but their faces [illegible] with smiles as soon as model and TV host Marc Nelson walked in.

Nelson read "The Bravest Fish," about a little fish named Sunday who faces his fears just to be with his friends. The story was written by Matt Buckingham and published by Scholastic.

Nelson got the kids' attention with his animated reading and antics. He even [illegible] the audience while playing the characters in the story.

"Kids are kids, they want something fun, something interactive. As a kid, I did not have the longest attention span in the world. So you try to engage them, give them voices and be animated," said Nelson on how he prepared for the session.

A self-confessed bookworm, Nelson said English writer Terry Pratchett was his favorite author. The host of "Sports Unlimited" on ABS-CBN and "The Duke" on [illegible] also does volunteer work, especially for sick children.

"It's nice to impart a story with a lesson, in this case a fish that was being brave. These kids are some of the bravest kids that you can come across. The treatment and medications that they go through are painful even for adults. My heart and admiration goes out to them," Nelson said.

Returning storytellers from Anphia School Nancy Dosalla and Mitzy Fernandez read as a pair "Sipsip-Sipsip" by Ma. Corazon Remigio published by the United Nations, which emphasizes good table manners.

They also read "Bright Bibi" by [illegible] published by [illegible] which talks about the perseverance of a duckling in learning how to quack.

"I really liked the story about the fish that [illegible] his fears," said 11-year-old Jamil Dingding, who has heart and kidney disease.

Asked how he could be brave in his own right, Dingding said in Filipino: "I will overcome my sickness by eating the right food. I will also try to recover fast and be good when I'm back in school."

Louie Pedro, whose five-year-old son Michael has leukemia, said, "It was nice to see them happy despite their sickness."

"I liked the story about the duckling because it teaches that one should not lose hope," said Marvilyn Español, 12, in Filipino.

Diagnosed with beta thalassemia, a blood disorder that reduces hemoglobin production, this was Español's 42nd confinement at the hospital. "It was good I came across the read-along session," she beamed.

The special Read-Along was part of Serviceban, a community service program initiated by the volunteer group Hands On Manila. It was also held in cooperation with Kythe, a group that engages in activities with sick children.

The next Read-Along session will be held at the Inquirer main office on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. Interested participants may call Elbot Capanas or Eirlle Bellen at 8976088, local 320.

Typhoon-battered RP appeals for int'l help

Total of $10M in int'l aid

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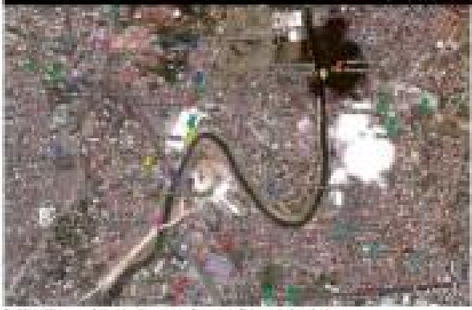


SATELLITE image of Marikina River in Tumana before Tropical Storm "Ondoy"

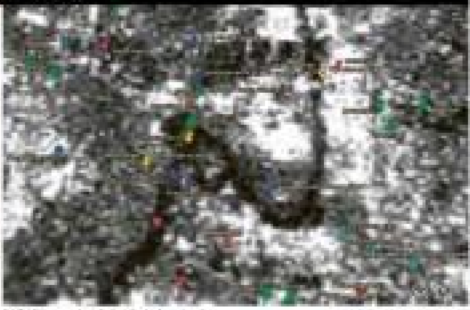


RADAR image taken at 1:35 p.m. of Sept. 26 showing in black the swollen river

Provident-SM in Marikina



SATELLITE image of Marikina River in the Provident-SM area before Ondoy



RADAR image taken during Ondoy's onslaught.

ONDOY AFTERMATH

Citizen-based interactive flood map

By Alfredo Mahar Lagmay

THE DELUGE THAT DEVastated Metro Manila on Sept. 26 was a poignant scene. Though vivid in the minds of residents, the memory will eventually fade, and in time remembered only by a few.

When awareness of the flood disaster fades, residents become vulnerable once more, exposed to [illegible] Nature.

A web-based interactive map showing flood levels in Metro Manila has been created to serve as a permanent record to help keep residents of today and the future reminded of the catastrophe.

Called the Typhoon Ondoy Maximum Flood Height Map (It was actually a tropical storm.), residents can add their recollection of the inundation of the metropolis and adjacent areas.

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ALFREDO Mahar Lagmay

One can go to http://maps.google.com and type Typhoon Ondoy. Then select Typhoon Ondoy Maximum Flood Height. (See How to add to the database.)

One can also go to http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=[illegible]

Someone using Google maps can input his or her account of the maximum flood heights in the place where [illegible] of streets and residences occurred.

UP team

The day after the Ondoy disaster, I thought of creating the interactive map. I asked the team from the UP Volcano Tectonics (VTEC) laboratory of the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS)—Grace Tolentino, Eli [illegible], Raymond Rodolfo, Lorraine [illegible] and [illegible]—to help create and put up the site.

On Sept. 28, the interactive site was online. Manila Observatory helped by linking the site to its web page, providing suggestions and encouraging the site.

The idea of the interactive map was prompted by the need to determine actual height measurements of flooding in every part of the metropolis.

Disaster mitigation

Cyberspace technology had to be used to bridge the divide of the community to help with disaster mitigation efforts. It is well known that hazard preparedness is at its best when the community participates.

(A review of the Google map page shows several sites that have a similar format. There are the Ondoy Inundation Map for Metro Manila (created Sept. 26), Ondoy Relief Goods Donation Centers (created Sept. 28), and NDCC asset deployment for the first 48 hours of Ondoy (created Oct. 3).)

Wildfires in North America

In North America, there are several interactive maps showing wildfires using Google maps and are precedents to this type of disaster mitigation effort.

When completed, the interactive map can be used to generate a hazard map showing the different levels of inundation in Metro Manila.

The geographic data can also be used for validating numerical simulations of floods, important for hazard mapping and urban development planning.

Hydrological hazard maps

Although there are existing hydrological hazard maps for most parts of Metro Manila, the unprecedented flooding that Metro residents experienced was not predicted by these charts. Otherwise, the disaster caused by Ondoy could have been avoided or minimized.

Slowly, the picture of Ondoy flood levels is emerging. However, there is much to be desired with regard to the depiction of the actual picture of the deluge. There is a need to get as many entries as possible distributed in every corner of Metro Manila and its neighboring areas.

More entries in the interactive map mean better accuracy of the survey. Invalid input data can be checked by comparing prediluvian images with satellite images taken after the flood. (See image.) Erroneous inputs can also be weeded out using proper statistical analysis of a large dataset.



Page views

As of Oct. 6, there were about 800 entries made in the interactive flood map by more than 300 citizens/netizens. There are already more than 51,000 views of the interactive Google map and the number of entries is growing fast. The individual profiles of contributors are unknown and will remain so for their best interest.

The flood-mapping project took off without many problems. However, the project team is trying to reach more residents and encourage them to contribute to the mapping effort.

Lola Techie

UP NIGS and the Manila Observatory, Ateneo de Manila University provide an alternative to those who are not as Internet savvy as Lola Techie. You can e-mail [illegible] and send the details of your desired input.

The interactive map needs to be linked to a blogspot or permanent webpage. There, we can add more instructions. As of the moment, there is a maximum-character limit to the instructions we can put beside the interactive Google map.

Cell phones

Also, some people don't want to create a Google account. We now provide another option for inputs in which they just e-mail us the details of their contributions and we will input the placemarks ourselves.

Since cell phones are handy, major cell-phone companies will soon be requested to send a text message to all their subscribers, urging them to participate in the flood-mapping effort in Metro Manila. Alternatively, people can call 9205969 (VTEC laboratory, UP NIGS) or 4265921 (Rhea, Manila Observatory).

The response of local government officials has yet to be determined. Those involved in the mapping project, however, look forward to getting their support in collecting data from their respective districts.

Preparing for future floods in Metro Manila takes community effort. We can tap the bayanihan spirit of Filipinos for mitigating disasters. Let us act now and plan ahead.

(Dr. Alfredo Mahar Lagmay is an associate professor at the National Institute of Geological Sciences, University of the Philippines. He holds a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Cambridge and was a visiting scientist at the Geophysics Department of Stanford University.

He lectures on Philippine disasters in the Science, Technology and Society Program of the College of Science, UP, by virtue of having hands-on experience in search-and-rescue and forensic analyses of major Philippine disasters in the last five years. These include the Mindoro flood, Guinsaugon landslide, Bitgaw lahar, Iloilo flood and Cagayan de Oro disasters. He has worked with scientists from the Manila Observatory in these projects.

A recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Research Award for advanced science and technology in the Philippines for his work on innovative application of space technology on Philippine volcanoes, he continues his service to the Filipino people by conducting volunteer work in science-driven disaster mitigation.)

How to add to the database

1 One has to have a Gmail account and sign in.

2 Press the edit button and add a placemark. For accuracy, zoom in until one sees the houses clearly before placing the location.

3 Input the flood heights as the title and follow the legend below.

4 To edit or change the icon, click the image/icon at the right side of the title bar.

Across the NATION

Ecija loss in rice harvest massive



PEOPLE stranded at SM City in Rosales, Pangasinan, emerge from the mall with bags of grocery items that were donated by top SM executives. Some items were found floating in the flood. Some reports said there was looting at the height of the floods, but officials denied it.

No end in sight to woes of farmers deep in debt

By Anselmo Roque
Inquirer Central Luzon

CABANATUAN CITY—AS FARMER ROY SANTIAgo of Rizal, Nueva Ecija, watched his two-hectare rice land swamped by floodwater, his heart sank in despair.

Massive losses

Water lilies all over

Missing target

Townsfolk find more than fish in floodwaters

Helicopter ride

Overnight at the mall

'We just let them float'

ARMM poll list-up moved

By Kristine L. Alave

Batanes gets needed food



A FLOOD victim wades through water carrying food, the most important item for many people at the height of the deluge in Metro Manila and Rizal provinces.

INQUIRER Mindanao

Spirits summoned in fight vs mining



RELENTLESS antimining protesters picket the site of a mining conference in Makati.

THE FEMALE "BAYLAN" WAS AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE RITUAL when she suddenly stopped. She felt something had perched on her arm and her chants fell to an abrupt crescendo.

Quest for gold

Pressured

Angry spirits

Mayors of flooded Laguna towns plead for help

SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA—THE head of the Laguna Mayors League has appealed to the national and provincial governments to help the province's chief executives cope with the flood left by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" which hasn't subsided for more than two weeks now.

"We are helpless. Until yesterday, we had not had concrete plans (on how to deal with the flooding)," said Gilmore Arem, mayor of Siniloan town and league president.

He said mayors were expecting the provincial government to call for a meeting of all mayors of calamity-stricken towns but no such meeting was called.

The Laguna Mayors League is composed of the local chief executives of 27 towns. The province has three cities.



AERIAL view of the flooding in Cabuyao, Laguna, shows streets in the town still filled with water that the Laguna Lake nearby refuses to absorb.

16 hardest hit

Out of the 27 towns, 16 were hard hit by the storm that brought water levels rising in Laguna Lake and swallowing entire villages.

Running a small town in the southernmost district of the province, Arem also appealed for assistance, even from media organizations going around on relief drives.

"We are not like the other richer towns that could provide evacuation centers to house all the affected families. I do not know now how to supplement our calamity fund," he said.

He said the town is running out of resources to continue providing relief to its people who have been forced out of their homes by the floods.

Least attention

He said that since Day One, Siniloan gets the least attention from civic groups that have been going around to areas that needed relief.

"We understand that, because they were also damaged, for example in Calamba. But when they come to Laguna, help has mostly gone to (neighboring towns of) Famy and Mabitac," he said.

"Now that they are slowly recovering, maybe it's time they could help us, too," he pleaded.

At least 1,754 families were displaced by floods in Siniloan. The town has only two evacuation centers to house the displaced families.

Not for long

"There are still relief (goods) coming here. But these will not last for long," said Luisiana Mayor Wilfredo Ferasin.

At least 1,450 families were displaced by floods in the town and most of the aid came from nongovernment organizations, he added.

But Calixto Cataquiz, mayor of San Pedro, the nearest town to Metro Manila, said aid from the national government and other organizations poured in "and we are thankful for that."

At least about 3,000 families in the town were displaced by the flood. At least 300 of the families were squatters.

"Illegal settlers will now have to leave the shorelines," he said, adding that it would no longer be safe for the people to reside along the lake coasts.

Bulacan relocation

Laguna Lake Development Authority General Manager Edgardo Manda said he was urging the local government units to relocate the communities living along the lake coasts.

He said the National Housing Authority had offered a relocation site that can house up to 100,000 families in San Miguel, Bulacan, although the facilities are still being readied. There are also relocation areas in San Pedro, Sta. Rosa City, and Calauan in Laguna, he added.

Asked for reaction on the move to relocate lakeshore communities, Calamba City Mayor Joaquin Chipeco said it would cause a high cost from the city government.

"Land prices here are already high," he said.

Help yourselves

Chris Banzil, Laguna information officer, said the provincial government has conducted relief operations in the flooded towns.

"The province has set (Ningning Laguna!) and provincial administrator Dennis Lazaro joined the relief distribution," he said in an earlier interview.

> "They are saying that the provincial government is not helping them, but they, too, have to help themselves..."

"They are saying that the provincial government is not helping them, but they, too, have to help themselves," said Valente Gimbao, deputy chief coordinator of the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council.

He said the PDCC has distributed at least 32,158 packed goods.

"We just have to go directly to the people (during relief distributions)," Gimbao said, adding that there are municipalities who registered the plastic bags containing the goods in order to get the credit for helping the people. *Maricar P. Cinco, Inquirer Southern Luzon*



THIS used to be a street in Siniloan, Laguna, teeming with tricycles and public utility jeeps. Now, boats are king of what used to be roads in the town.

DENR exec tells Quezon mayors: Stop illegal quarry

By Delfin Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—A RANKING environment official urged local government units in towns along the slopes of Mt. Banahaw to stop illegal quarrying there to spare communities around the mountain from flooding.

David Suarez, assistant environment secretary, also urged the Quezon Provincial Mining Regulatory Board to order a stop to the quarrying.

"The local government officials and the provincial mining board should not be complacent," said Suarez, head of the River Basin Control Office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"They must immediately stop illegal quarry operations in Banahaw," he said.

Suarez said he was alarmed by reports from residents around Banahaw that sand and gravel extraction were on-going.

"The residents are now worried. The past floods and the present series of heavy flooding in different parts of the country are too fearful to ignore," he said.

Suarez said all illegal sand and gravel extraction sites in Quezon must be immediately shut down and those with permits closely monitored.

The Lagnas Bridge connecting the Maharlika Highway collapsed at the height of Typhoon "Rosing" in 1995 due to strong currents from the heavily-rained river coming from the denuded portion of Mt. Banahaw. The current loosened the base of the bridge's foundation.

However, the tragedy was immediately forgotten as several man-made craters, measuring several hundred square meters and several meters deep, emerged in Sariaya town, the main source of aggregates for Metro Manila and Southern Tagalog since a construction boom began in the 1980s.

The illegal quarry operations are rampant in the villages of Sta. Cruz and Sampaloc II in Sariaya, according to a police intelligence report.

According to a police informant, the proliferation of illegal quarrying on the slopes of Banahaw is being protected by a relative of a high provincial official who is "untouchable."

Alex Tolentino, Sariaya councilor, said illegal quarry operations in the town have now become alarming.

N. Cotabato mayor slams critics of horse fighting

KIDAPAWAN CITY—LEAVE US alone!

This, in essence, was the message that Aleosan, North Cotabato Mayor Christobal Cadungon sent to animal rights advocates, who had slammed the purchase of his constituents for horse fighting.

Earlier, the Manila-based Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) said horse fighting is a violation of animal rights.

PAWS said the practice should be stopped.

But Cadungon said the people of his town, and other areas in North Cotabato, continue to patronize horse fighting because it is part of their customs and tradition.

He said horse fights are staged during fiestas and foundation anniversaries.

"It has been the practice for so many years already as part of the tradition and customary beliefs of the indigenous people of Mindanao," he said.

> "Do not consider horse fighting as cruelty to animals but a form of sports..."

Cadungon said he could not remember any horse dying during fights.

Cadungon said there will be no stopping horse fights in Aleosan on Oct. 14, during the town's 28th founding anniversary.

Horse derby is among the highlights of the event, he said.

Cadungon said 42 pairs of horses were scheduled to fight during the four-day event.

He said horse owners, from as far as Bukidnon, Davao del Sur and Maguindanao, will be here to pit their animals on the ring.

"Do not consider horse fighting as cruelty to animals but a form of sports traditionally done by the tribal chieftains of different tribes in Southern Philippines," he said.

Cadungon said before horses are put on the ring, veterinarians check on the animals' condition.

"We make sure that horses are in good health condition before they are allowed to fight," he said. *Williamor A. Magbanua, Inquirer Mindanao*

Group brings aid to forgotten Rizal people

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—HOPING to reach far-flung communities that were devastated by Tropical Storm "Ondoy," volunteers of the Serve the People Corps (STPC) walked through landslides and swollen rivers in Tanay, Rizal, Friday to reach Barangay Cuyambay.

Hearing reports that 280 families were hit by flooding in the area, 69 volunteers belonging to the group carried sacks with at least 300 packs of relief goods to be the first to provide help to the remote village.

Among the families in the community are members of indigenous people Dumagats.

Rev. Wilfredo Reyes Mesa, Southern Tagalog coordinator and a convenor of the STPC, said the group was determined to reach these communities, especially the indigenous people in Rizal, because no help has arrived for them yet. "This is only the first of a series of relief missions we will hold in Tanay," he said. "Next time we hope to reach more of the Dumagats."

He said that at least 3,000 families in seven far-flung barangays of Tanay were devastated by Tropical Storm Ondoy based on reports that the group has gathered from its members.

"These communities have long been victims of government neglect because they are in the mountains," he said.

"These are also the same communities that would be affected by the Laiban Dam project, which will soon be underway," he added.

On Oct. 16, peasants and indigenous people's groups will hold a solidarity mission in these communities to provide relief goods and help the people get back on their feet from the devastation wrought by Ondoy, according to Tony Calleong of Bigkis at Lakas ng mga Katutubo sa Timog Katagalugan (Blak).

Several youth groups in Los Baños have earlier revived a relief group that was active in the 1990s to help victims of Ondoy in Laguna.

In minutes, members of the group were able to gather and collect goods for distribution to those in need. *Charles Calling Pulanduwi, Inquirer Southern Luzon*



A WOMAN clasps her hands, as if in supplication, as she wades through a flooded street in San Lorenzo, Taytay, Rizal, one of the areas hardest hit by Tropical Storm "Ondoy."

Scenes from the edge



NOAH'S RAFT A flock of ducks adopts a dog—wet, cold and abandoned by his humans—after Tropical Depression "Pepeng's" floods swallowed up parts of Barangay Pantal in Dagupan City.



LITTLE BOY BLUE An Air Force search and rescue member helps a boy climb ladder to a chopper above flooded areas in Pangasinan.



OUT OF THE FARM Residents ride on a farm tractor with their pet dog in Dagupan City on Saturday.



NO ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS An Air Force helicopter flies over a group of trapped residents, families who have taken refuge on their rooftops as a last resort.



OVERFLOWING LOVE A man piggybacks his partner to stay dry amid flooding in Dagupan City on Saturday.



LITTLE TOWN, BIG LOSS Little Kibungan in Barangay Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet is a devastated community after days of rains triggered by deadly landslide. Of about 200 residents, 64 are dead, some whole families.



IT'S SO NOT COOL Workers unload ice for sale despite floodwaters in Dagupan City, in Pangasinan on Saturday; what were they thinking?



MIGHTY ROAR Water roars down the spillway of San Roque dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan, on Saturday. Residents of Villasis and Rosales were gripped with panic on Saturday amid rumors that the San Roque Dam was near collapse.



DEATH WATCH Grieving relatives watch two of the bodies retrieved from the disaster area on Saturday after a landslide hit Little Kibungan, a community in Barangay Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet.



GLOBAL Pinoy

Editor: Gerry Lirio

Like falling in love again

By Mary Ann Ayes

THE QUEST FOR THE RIGHT LEADER IS LIKE finding true love. This is how Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan described the election process in urging overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to register and vote in next year's national elections.

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'Garci' behind low turnout

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UNTIL THE RIGHT MAN COMES ALONG [illegible]



KEEPERS OF THE FAITH [illegible]

Stringent rules in US

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Feeling of deception lingers

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Don't lose hope, try again

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Will the Filipinos in the US vote in the May 2010 elections?



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Lourdes Santos Tancinco

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Major concerns

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Legal requirements

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Abandonment

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Shadow population

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Capital infusion

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News

Van driver holds key to attack on Neri, say cops

POLICE ARE HOPING TO GET A VITAL LEAD from the driver of a Hyundai van that was commandeered by the armed men who strafed the Quezon City home of Social Security System president Romulo Neri on Friday.



Brownouts to ease after partial repairs

GSIS members get 1-yr loan reprieve

Aplus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

Artists' lansdscapes before the storms

A race vs time to record vanishing scenes

ARTISTS A22



RONY Carlos and his "Cerulean Pond": Remembering a familiar UP Diliman landmark

Artists' lansdscapes before the storms

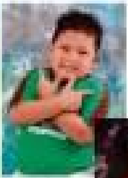
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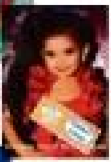


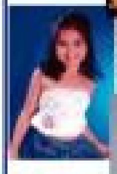


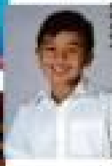
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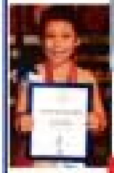




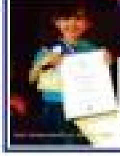




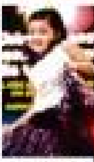






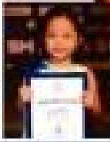


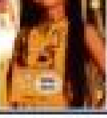
WHO WILL BE SM'S Little Stars?











The WORLD

Obama says Nobel Peace Prize win a 'call to action'

WASHINGTON—US PRESIDENT Barack Obama basked in new-found glory on Saturday, vowing to consider his surprise Nobel Peace Prize as "a call for action" to address the challenges of the new century.



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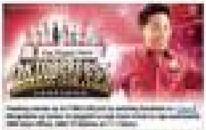
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Sunday SPORTS
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JAPETH Aguilar is expected to suit up for Burger King when the PBA opens its 35th season at the Araneta Coliseum today



Angping: Lean SEAG roster now a must

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THERE'S MORE REASON NOW TO SEND A lean delegation to the Southeast Asian Games this December.

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Burger King, Aguilar face Purefoods

PBA raises curtains on 35th season with 'simple' rites

By Musong R. Castillo

IS JAPETH AGUILAR WORTH ALL THE trouble Burger King went through?

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GAME TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremonies
6:30 p.m.—Burger King vs Purefoods



Unable to run, Pacquiao trains in the pool instead

By Dennis Principe, Contributor

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Salvador rules Laguna Lake golf via playoff



Belandres 'robbed' of WBC crown

Lascuña, Pucay join tie for 10th

Unable to run, Pacquiao ...

Fernando leads Cangolf tilt

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo

FOOD CHAINS

Greyhounds eye Champions League Luzon-MM zonal slot

Monico Cup tees off

Pacman headlines derby

SPORTSWATCH

Alabang, Cangolf duel up in WGAP final leg

Chick Boy triumphs

Ateneo fives see tougher UAAP stints

By Jasmine W. Payo



Shakey's volley league season 6 begins today

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Distrito's son and namesake also in trouble

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Beth Celis

Hi-tech chip to monitor QCIM bets

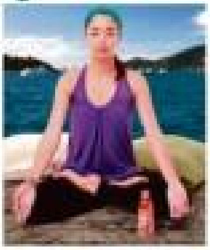
Traveling doctor shares the travel highs of his life







Rumples designs the good life with C2





Sunday Biz

Rolls Royce of home décor rolls into RP

WHEN FERDINAND "Ferdie" Ong started his business of selling top-of-the-line European home furniture about eight years ago, many didn't think his venture would make it.

> Despite the cost, Filipinos are lining up to get their hands on top class furniture

Market niche

Model inspiration



TOP-OF-THE-LINE furniture and furnishing brands, including Italy's Minotti, are part of Living Innovations' portfolio.



FERDINAND Ong feels at home with high-end European furniture.

Profit from soap bubbles over







BY NATURE Handmade Soaps

Rolls Royce of home décor rolls into RP



A KITCHEN fit for a master chef

First sale, first home

Art of selling

Lifetime service

The PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (PICPA) – SOUTHERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER



EUROPEAN furnishings are expensive because of their design and quality

Goings-On

MMLDC, Siemens affirm partnership

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Plantersbank series tackles economy

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BPI Family, Go Negosyo award entrepreneur

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DHL marks 40 years

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A fine kettle of fish

Grilling spells the difference

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THE GATCHALIANS now serve other catfish dishes, apart from the grilled variety.



Everything fell into place

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More to eat

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What's the bright idea?

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Simple switch

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Sunday Biz

A fine kettle of fish

Text and photos
by Rosa May V. de Guzman
Inquirer Mindanao

BANGA, SOUTH COTABATO—Gina Dagpas, a mother of two, reveals her only weakness: She cannot resist what she claims to be the yummiest grilled catfish in the country.

With her husband and two boys in tow, they head to the Fortune Field Resort after church to dine on the spicy [illegible] catfish that eats almost anything.

Along with hundreds of other repeat customers, the Dagpas wait no more than ten minutes before they are served smoking hot catfish known as "pantat" in this corner of the archipelago.

"The grilled pantat here takes on many flavors, from spicy and hot to sweet and succulent. It is irresistible," says Gina, before describing it to be a heavenly meal.

According to owners Sonny Gonzales and wife Vicky, a friend charmed the couple into putting up a business they had not even heard of.

"In 2000, when the business of fish production in the region collapsed due to uneven competition, a friend offered me a few kilos of pantat with which to start a small dine-in Ecological stand," said Sonny, as he explained how his friend send off the cash to [illegible] his losses in business.

A FINE B2



THE CATFISH MAN Couple's catfish dishes reign supreme.

What's the bright idea?

Philips Electronics, WWF join hands for environment

By Amy R. Remo

IT WILL ONLY BE A MATTER OF time before some 4,000 public schoolchildren would be able to easily explain the difference between power-hungry incandescent bulbs and energy-efficient fluorescent lamps.

And through the campaign dubbed Bright Kids, these same Grade 5 schoolchildren would be able to teach others how switching light bulbs can go a long way to saving the environment.

Starting this month until March 2010, Philips Electronics and Lighting Inc. and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) will be reaching out to students in public elementary schools across Metro Manila, particularly those in the fifth grade, to talk about energy efficiency and conservation.

Awareness drive

The awareness drive will cover some 4,000 Grade 5 students in 20 public elementary schools in Metro Manila—12 in Quezon City, five in Makati and three in Pasig.

The campaign will involve the implementation of WWF teaching programs and the distribution of environmental education workbooks with lectures conducted by energy experts from Philips and WWF.

During the launch last Oct. 7, Philips said the campaign aims to rein in environmental woes by raising greater awareness on prudent energy use and climate change among schoolchildren in the Philippines.

The education and information drive underscores the urgency of curbing energy consumer habits and its dire costs to the environment.

"The increased threats of natural disasters, partly due to the conventional and wasteful use of energy resources, has called for efforts to invest in the promotion of energy-efficient solutions and sound energy practices that can be sustained into the future," said Philips Electronics Philippines CEO Rico Gonzales.

"It is in this light that Philips and WWF are pursuing this initiative," he added.

As they target the youth for their awareness drive, Philips and WWF believe that sound energy practices can be seen as a strategic solution to the current world environment concerns.

The project also came amid growing concerns on shifting weather patterns in the country that recently saw Tropical Storm "Ondoy"—a storm with moderately strong winds but unusually heavy rainfall—causing the worst flood in Metro Manila in four decades.

Growing evidence

"There is growing evidence that the increased levels in carbon dioxide, greenhouse gas emissions and other traditional energy byproducts are related to changing weather conditions toward greater rainfall and intensified ty-

WHAT'S B2



GIVING a thumbs up to energy efficiency and conservation: (From left) Rico Gonzales, CEO of Philips, Dr. Trinidad Lagarto, senior educational programs specialist of the Department of Education; Chel Resurreccion of the WWF Education Team; and Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan, WWF Philippines

Sunday LIFESTYLE

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan



Jaime Zobel designs Cory watch

By Charlie V. Moral

JAIME ZOBEL IS DESIGNING a limited-edition Cory Aquino Swatch.

The Zobel design is a characteristic marketing coup for the Swiss watch brand that has a long and impressive list of celebrity collaborations and endorsers.

But celebrity marketing isn't an exclusive domain of Swatch. Indeed, many find the invaluable rewards of associating a brand with a high profile or well-known figure.

That, despite some people's opinion of celebrity product endorsement: A disaster waiting to happen.

A celebrity may drive sales in the end, but when he gets embroiled in a controversy, he is quickly dropped by the brand. Think Olympics champion Michael Phelps, who was dumped by Kellogg's after photos of him allegedly using a bong and marijuana surfaced on cyberspace.

Closer to home, brands—and ultimately

> There are pros and cons with celebrity endorsement, but how can you go wrong with Don Jaime and 'saint Cory'?

the consumers—are more forgiving.

For instance, tongues got wagging when actress Katrina Halili's billboards for Flawless, a company owned by Dr. Vicki Belo, weren't taken down quickly enough at the height of the Hayden Kho sex-video scandal. A spokesperson for the company said Flawless simply opted to carry out the entirety of Halili's "timeline" agreement with the company. (The billboards have

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Kenneth Cobonpue, Royal Pineda and Budji Lay



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Preparing for Halloween



Movement 8 and Ayala Land Premier's One Serendra



CALLED "Tanhol," Pacete's wooden stools, accessorized with multicolored book-bound paper, are set against the artist's collages.

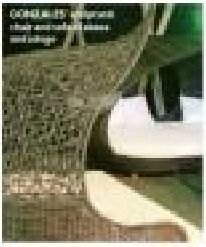


Artistry and sustainability in a built environment are all about design and development that see the bigger picture

LATUG impressionistic painting provides perfect backdrop to Pacionese's nickel-plated vases on Lopez's glass-topped bamboo table.



NAVAL'S "Nature High" consists of green stools with black cushioned seats. Exaggerated backrests with acrylic leaves symbolize a forest of trees.



GONZALEZ [illegible] chair and [illegible] chaise and lounge.



ROBINSON'S "Dragon's Tale," a series of resin lamps wrapped in Abaca paper using the designer's very own original techniques.



PAMINTUAN reduces her signature [illegible] through [illegible] of Quader's [illegible] table of [illegible] compressed [illegible].



CEBONPUE [illegible] rattan [illegible] to produce the "Cloudio" series.

By Gloria Aquino
Contributor

THE PARTICIPATION of artists, industrial designers, architects and urban planners in the world we now live in, cannot be emphasized enough. Individuals, influencers, and companies must look at new ways to engage, interact, collaborate, and use its resources to bring about social change.

Movement 8's 10th anniversary exhibit at the Serendra Sales Pavilion in Bonifacio Global City captivated all who dropped by during its regular run from Sept. 15 to Sept. 27. Many of the guests already knew about the Movement 8 brand, both as the country's leading design collective and individually as multi-faceted artists and industrial designers with a global cachet. It was a formidable collaboration, as unique and distinctive as the market for whom One Serendra was designed for.

Designs showcased in this integrated exhibit at the Serendra Sales Pavilion were creations and concepts of individuals dedicated to positive change on a local and global level. Movement 8's furniture, home accessories and art works are designed with sustainability of materials and crafts in mind. They please, inspire, and enhance the quality of life with creative solutions to issues regarding disappearing natural resources and craftsmanship, each evident in Movement 8's directions. From how it's made to how it looks, Movement 8 always makes a statement.

On the other hand, responsible real estate development must be able to integrate good business, good design, good management and good urban planning practices. The 17 hectare development of Serendra includes residential condominiums that are designed to offer a unique living experience while keeping a watchful eye on environmental sustainability. Serendra is considered by many to be the pioneering residential development of its kind in the market today with 7.5 hectares of the area left for open spaces and landscaped greenery. Each unit is part of a comprehensive whole including carefully selected details and finishes, fixtures, building features, and amenities that include touch points of a social environment and a live-work-play lifestyle: pocket gardens, pools, gyms, spa, and tropical landscaping, within an emerging business district, Bonifacio Global City. It is a development that has a much bigger picture of the neighborhood that it is creating.

As we live in a Post Design Age where concepts, ideas, and designs are no longer an isolated and isolated concern, it now addresses the needs of a bigger group. Design sees the bigger picture and knows it must adapt to a rapidly disappearing natural environment where resources can no longer be taken for granted. With parallelisms abound, Movement 8 installed in the Serendra Sales Pavilion underscores a philosophy that good design should reflect the needs of its users and respond to the surrounding environment. The quality of the built environment is enhanced by the fittings and furnishings that are placed in it.

The East Tower of One Serendra, in particular, is the new Ayala Land Premier high-rise condominium within the prime location of Bonifacio Global City. One Serendra is a distinctive and sprawling development consisting of low to mid-rise terraced sections in the first few phases gradually spiraling to taller sections in the later phases. It combines a European-inspired townscape with silhouettes of distinctive Filipino vernacular architecture. A retail promenade at the center of the development connects Serendra to the city center of the Bonifacio Global City through Bonifacio High Street. The diverse mix of carefully [illegible] stores, restaurants, and office spaces give a vibrant, multi-cultural atmosphere to the place.

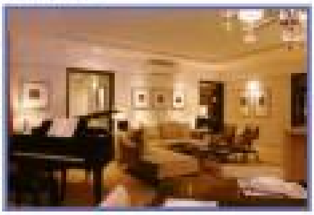
The exhibit in the Serendra Pavilion was a partnership of artistry between the country's leading real estate developer and the Movement 8 brand: 2 giant brands celebrating the best of global Filipino talent, in a one-of-a-kind, landmark exhibit.

The Serendra Sales Pavilion at 26th Street, Bonifacio Global City, from 9 am to 8 pm. For inquiries, please call 841-5366.



MODEL units at Serendra.





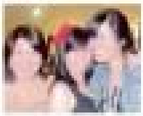






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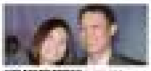
















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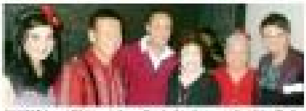
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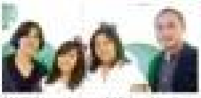
> I decided to recycle one of my gowns for my Halloween costume, and have donated the savings to 'Ondoy' relief efforts

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Cebuano piano student in Yale holds hometown concert

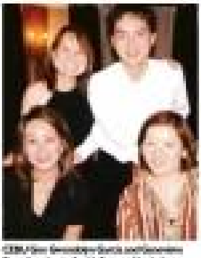
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> Hardly anyone left their seats during the interval for fear of losing them

Thanksgiving show

Golden jubilee





How can she tame the savage beast in her husband?

EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Marcelo

Your husband is unmistakably an ape, who, though he'd stay on with his family, will always have a roving eye





Sunday LifeStyle

America's fashion princess to open boutique in Manila



TORY in Punta Brava with her three sons

In this exclusive, Tory Burch welcomes us to her Fifth Avenue apartment done by Filipino designer Daniel Romualdez

T'n'T Trends & Trendings
Anton San Diego

IN ONLY FIVE YEARS TORY Burch has made it to the top of the fashion heap. Best known for her combination of American sportswear and Park Avenue style, she has become a favorite of stylish and fashionable women around the world with her colorful tunics and T logo "reva" ballet slippers.

She designs clothes and accessories that are current, fresh, affordable, and of course, the all-important factor, representative of the wearer's personality.

Who is this woman with the US$200-million fashion empire? With the help of Anton Huang, I was able to get an exclusive shoot and interview last June for Philippine Tatler.

We were fortunate enough to do the shoot in her 840-sq m apartment at the posh Pierre Hotel. Top fashion photographer Nigel Barker, also one of the



BURCH'S formal living room



LIVING room

America's fashion princess to open boutique in Manila





THE AUTHOR with photographer Nigel Barker, Tory Burch and stylists

Aquinos to lead La Naval Act of Consecration

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang



La Naval procession

Ninth Rosary Congress

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Rosaries to soldiers

Living with the saints



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DAPHNE'S VIBRANT CHIC AT SM HOMEWORLD



The "Vibrant Chic" collection of the Daphne Osena Paez line for Linens Direct is characterized by bold, hip prints that conjure exotic locales and urban hubs to add a dash of fashionable flair to any bedroom.

The bedroom is set for an exciting makeover as SM Homeworld brings to you Daphne Osena Paez's Vibrant Chic collection.

The collection, which is created exclusively for SM Homeworld by Daphne's Direct Linens line, was recently launched at the SM Megamall Department Store in collaboration with Homestyle Magazine, who took care of the beautiful tablitas that served as the focal point of the intimate gathering.

Homestyle Magazine's Jeff Isidro said that this partnership with Linens Direct, Daphne Osena, and SM Homeworld was an exciting challenge, and encouraged homemakers to be "confident enough to explore and experiment" with styles and prints for bed linens and accessories.

SM Homeworld marketing manager Iza Dizo, on the other hand, said that this collaboration "has helped us promote a culture of growth, innovation, and boldness to bring cutting edge trendsetting products to our loyal clients."

The Vibrant Chic collection reflects Daphne's spirited, easygoing and lighthearted side, a facet of her personality the public rarely gets a glimpse of. "I may be known for wearing the classics, but I always like to infuse a bit of quirkiness in my wardrobe," she admits. "I like adding one bold and striking piece of accessory – like my colorful chunk necklaces, or colored shoes, or by wearing prints."

As one of Manila's stylish celebrities, Daphne says that in dressing, "there's no middle ground" for her. "It's either I go really classic and toned down or go all out with prints and colors," she says. "Fashion is fun that way, and I'm glad we can have fun with home design as well."

After having successfully started her line last year, Daphne now says she is ready "to add the fashion equation to bed linens and accessories. I like the thought of building a wardrobe for your bed."

This spirit of experimentation and fun is reflected in her Vibrant Chic line, which is characterized by bold, hip prints that conjure exotic locales and urban hubs to add a dash of fashion flair to any bedroom. The names say it all – Helsinki and St. Tropez, Glamrock, Retro Square, and Psychedelia.

Like the rest of her collections for the trendsetting Linens Direct brand, Vibrant Chic uses the same 330 thread count, pure luxury cotton that it has become known for. All materials are sourced from the best cotton producers in India and Pakistan, and has the high quality and impeccable craftsmanship these luxury linens have been known for.

The Vibrant Chic collection from the Daphne Osena Paez line of Linens Direct is available exclusively at the Homeworld department of all SM stores.



TV host, writer and producer Daphne Osena Paez and Linens Direct president Diana Go Dy



Have fun and go crazy with prints with the "Vibrant Chic" collection of bed linen and accessories available at the Homeworld Department of SM Department Store in Makati and Megamall.



Homestyle editor-in-chief Jeff Isidro flanked by Homestyle creative director Rodione Dela Cruz and Homestyle executive editor Yanel De Anquera.



Homestyle's Jeff Isidro at the DOP Vibrant Chic launch with Homeworld's divisional merchandise manager Kristin Bun, SAVP operations Greg Maglanog, marketing manager Iza Dizo, senior manager Quinny Cesar and AVP operations Rica Adam.

TIPS FOR DRESSING UP YOUR BEDROOM



Fashion in the bedroom. Top model Jennie Materiade posed for the fun and stylish Vibrant Chic collection of bed linens and accessories.



Daphne said have fun and go crazy with the prints. In this photo, the combination of Retro Square and Psychedelia creates a wonderful effect.

Transform your bedroom into a stylish comfort zone with these fresh from tips from Daphne Osena Paez, Homestyle's Jeff Isidro, and SM Homeworld.

- The current trend in interior designing is Clash and Chic, which Daphne says: "is not to create clutter but to avoid the dullness of monotonous design schemes and color palettes."
- You can create your own look by combining components from each of the sets and combine them as long the color palette is secured. That way, you can create an artistic, subtly coordinated, and spontaneous expression in your bedroom.
- Jeff suggests combining the Helsinki set with vintage brown Glamrock with yellow and teal, or if you are more daring, Retro Square's sunny yellow color with Psychedelia's brown hexagon prints. The possibilities are endless.

BUILDING A WARDROBE FOR YOUR BED

After introducing the idea of dressing up beds in quality and luxurious basics in her collection for Linens Direct, Daphne Osena Paez thought of "adding fashion into the equation" with her new Vibrant Chic collection for SM Homeworld.

"I like the thought of building a wardrobe for your bed," she says, and the Vibrant Chic collection is an expression of her spirited and lighthearted side.





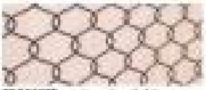
HELSINKI, with its classic grill pattern in jade, is inspired by the clean, spare lines associated with Scandinavian design.



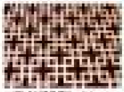


PSYCHEDELIA reflects the bold and daring design mood of the seventies with its oversized hexagon prints bordered in graduated shades of brown. The pattern evokes the organic lines of a beehive in a sleek and audacious expression.

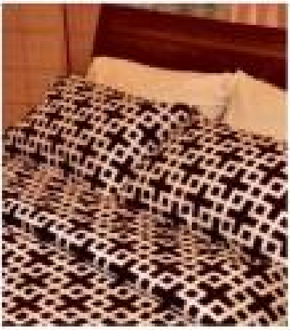




ST. TROPEZ translates the call of the seas and the lure adventure into a bedding motif of clean yet attractive appeal. Waves of blue ropes run across a sea of white to create a pretty bed pattern.



GLAMROCK celebrates the attraction of opposites. Slick tapping white squares are set against the boldness of black, creating a bold and vibrant clash of non-colors.

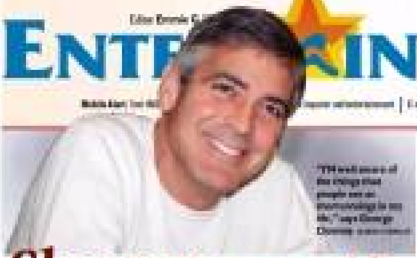




RETRO SQUARE is a throwback to the whimsical geometric graphics of the sixties. The warmth of yellow provides the vibrant background to concentric squares in white resulting in a playful trendy look.



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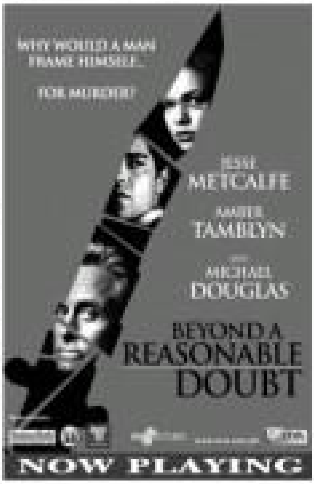


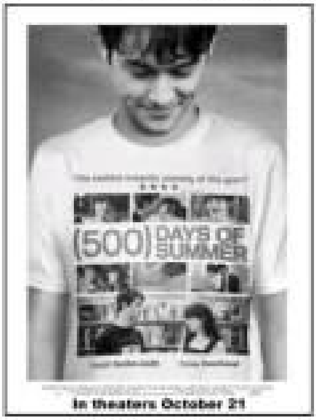


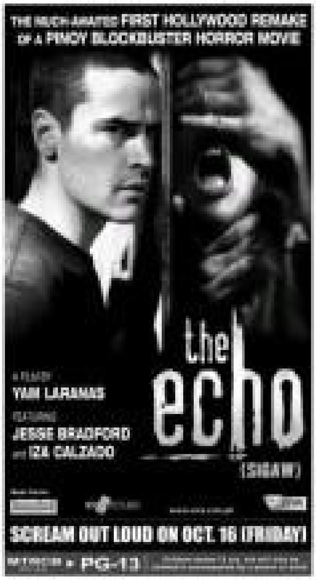
















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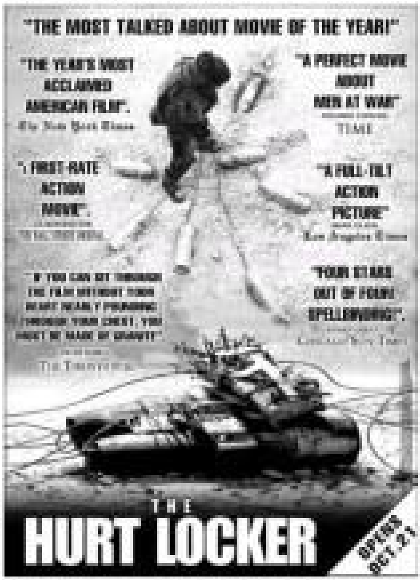


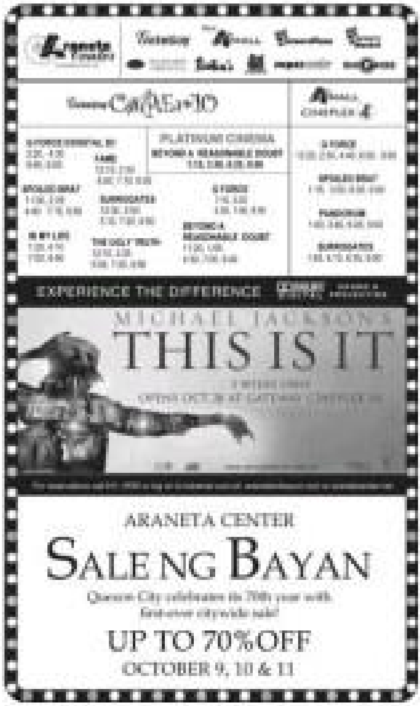












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